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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MICHAEL CUTTS,

Case Number: 2:17-cv-01525-JCM-PAL

Plaintiff,

VS.

RICHLAND HOLDINGS, INC. d/b/a ACCTCORP OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, a Nevada Corporation; CALEB LANGSDALE, ESQ. dba THE LANGSDALE FIRM, P.C.; LAW and CLIFFORD MOLIN. M.D. aka ZEEBA SLEEP CENTER

DEFENDANT RICHLAND HOLDINGS, INC. d/b/a ACCTCORP OF SOUTHERN NEVADA'S MOTION TO DISMISS OR, ALTERNATIVELY, MOTION FOR MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT

Defendants.

Defendant Richland Holdings, Inc. d/b/a AcctCorp of Southern Nevada ("AcctCorp"), by and through its attorneys of record, the law firm of Marquis Aurbach Coffing, and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. ("FRCP") 12(b)(1), 12(b)(6), and 12(e), hereby files its Motion to Dismiss or, Alternatively, Motion for More Definite Statement ("Motion").

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This Motion is based upon the following Points and Authorities, all pleadings and papers on file herein, and any oral argument allowed by this Court at the time of hearing on this matter.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2017.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

Within Plaintiff Michael Cutts' ("Plaintiff") Complaint, he alleges a claim under the Federal Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA") claim and a bevy of state law claims due to Defendants' purported violations of the FDCPA. Nevertheless, the Complaint fails as a matter of law and must be dismissed in its entirety. In particular, with respect to Plaintiff's claims against AcctCorp, they fail as a matter of law as Plaintiff improperly seeks to collaterally attack the damages sought and awarded in the underlying case of Richland Holdings, Inc. d/b/a AcctCorp of S. Nev. v. Michael Cutts, No. 16C020177, Justice Court, Las Vegas Township, Clark County, Nevada (the "State Court Action"). As a result, under the Rooker-Feldman Doctrine, this Court lacks subject-matter jurisdiction to consider Plaintiff's claims. Plaintiff's claim for abuse of process is also inherently flawed by his own admission that he owed a debt upon which AcctCorp legitimately sought collection. Naturally, because Plaintiff's other causes of action fail, so too does his claim for civil conspiracy.

Ultimately, even if Plaintiff's factual allegations are taken as true and all inferences are made in his favor, his Complaint still fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, and this Court lacks subject-matter jurisdiction over the claims by which Plaintiff seeks to collaterally attack the damages awarded in the State Court Action. Therefore, AcctCorp respectfully requests that this Court dismiss the complaint in its entirety and with prejudice.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

This Court "may take judicial notice of court filings and other matters of public record." Reyn's Pasta Bella, LLC v. Visa USA, Inc., 442 F.3d 741, 746 n.6 (9th Cir. 2006) (holding that documents filed in separate litigation are "readily verifiable and, therefore, the proper subject of judicial notice") (citation omitted); see also Daniels-Hall v. Nat'l Educ. Ass'n, 629 F.3d 992, 998 (9th Cir. 2010) ("Although generally the scope of review on a

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motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim is limited to the Complaint, a court may consider evidence on which the complaint necessarily relies if: (1) the complaint refers to the document; (2) the document is central to the plaintiff's claim; and (3) no party questions the authenticity of the copy attached to the 12(b)(6) motion.") (citation and internal quotation marks omitted).

The relevant facts surrounding this lawsuit are straightforward and are as follows:

PLAINTIFF'S UNDERLYING DEBT AND DEFAULT

- 1. Plaintiff entered into a valid and binding contract with Clifford Molin, M.D., dba Zeeba Sleep Center Molin ("Molin"), on or about May 12, 2014, for the procurement of medical services.1
- 2. Plaintiff started to incur charges relating to the contract on or about May 12, 2014, and became delinquent in his account by failing to maintain his account through regular payments, under the terms of their contract.²
- 3. Plaintiff became delinquent on or about March 18, 2016, with an account balance of \$274.53, and a contractual collection fee of \$137.27 was added for a total of \$411.80.³
- 4. After Plaintiff became delinquent, his account was assigned by Molin to AcctCorp, which began its efforts to recover the debt, including the filing and prosecution of the State Court Action, which commenced on or about July 29, 2016.⁴

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State Court Action, Appl. for Default J., Ex. 1 (Aff./Decl. of Custodian of Records), at ¶ 3 (filed Nov. 11, 2016), a complete copy of which Application is attached hereto for the Court's reference and convenience as Exhibit 1.

State Court Action, Compl., (filed Oct. 3, 20156), a copy of which is attached hereto for the Court's reference and convenience as Exhibit 2.

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5. The State Court Action ultimately resulted in the entry of an Order for Default Judgment, which was entered on December 14, 2016, and filed on December 9, 2016.⁵

PLAINTIFF BRINGS THE INSTANT LITIGATION IN BAD FAITH

6. On May 31, 2017, Plaintiff initiated the instant lawsuit to assert claims intended to collaterally attack the bases for damages that were fully and finally adjudicated nearly six months prior.⁶

As argued below, Plaintiff is absolutely prohibited from maintaining the instant lawsuit.

III. **LEGAL STANDARDS**

A. MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM

The Court should dismiss any cause of action that fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. FRCP 12(b)(6); see also N. Star Int'l. v. Ariz. Corp. Comm'n, 720 F.2d 578, 581 (9th Cir. 1983). Generally, the district courts do not consider any material beyond the pleadings when ruling on a motion to dismiss pursuant to FRCP 12(b)(6). See Hal Roach Studios, Inc. v. Richard Feiner & Co., 896 F.2d 1542, 1555, n.19 (9th Cir. 1990) (citation omitted). The Court may, however, take judicial notice of matters of public record when considering such a motion. Mack v. S. Bay Beer Distrib., 798 F.2d 1279, 1282 (9th Cir. 1986) (citation omitted), abrogated on other grounds by Astoria Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n v. Solimino, 501 U.S. 104, 111 S.Ct. 2166 (1991); see also MGIC Indem. Corp. v. Weisman, 803 F.2d 500, 504 (9th Cir. 1986) ("On a motion to dismiss, we may take judicial notice of matters of public record outside the pleadings.") (citations omitted).

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State Court Action, Order for Default J., (filed Dec. 9, 2016), a copy of which is attached hereto for the Court's reference and convenience as Exhibit 3. 26

⁶ See Compl. [ECF No. 1], on file herein.

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В. DISMISS FOR LACK OF SUBJECT-MATTER MOTION TO **JURISDICTION**

Under FRCP 12(b)(1), a party may assert a defense of lack of subject-matter jurisdiction by motion. "If the court determines at any time that it lacks subject-matter jurisdiction, the court *must* dismiss the action." FRCP 12(h)(3) (emphases added). As emphasized, dismissal in this case is mandatory, not permissive or discretionary.

"The Rooker-Feldman doctrine has evolved from the two Supreme Court cases from which its name is derived." Kougasian v. TMSL, Inc., 359 F.3d 1136, 1139 (2004) (citing Rooker v. Fidelity Trust Co., 263 U.S. 413, 44 S.Ct. 149 (1923); Dist. of Columbia Court of Appeals v. Feldman, 460 U.S. 462, 103 S.Ct. 1303 (1983)). "Rooker-Feldman prohibits a federal district court from exercising subject matter jurisdiction over a suit that is a de facto appeal from a state court judgment." Id. (citation omitted). "If a plaintiff brings a de facto appeal from a state court judgment, Rooker-Feldman requires that the district court dismiss the suit for lack of subject matter jurisdiction." Id.; see also Salman v. Rose, 104 F. Supp. 2d 1255, 1258 (D.Nev. 2000) (recognizing that "the Rooker-Feldman doctrine dictates that federal courts lack subject matter jurisdiction, even if a State court judgment was erroneous or unconstitutional") (citing Long v. Shorebank Dev. Corp., 182 F.3d 548 (7th Cir. 1999)).

To the extent Plaintiff's Complaint now challenges the bases for damages sought and awarded in the State Court Action, this Court lacks subject-matter jurisdiction. AcctCorp posits that the entire Complaint is based on such challenges, so this Court should dismiss the complaint in its entirety and with prejudice.

C. MOTION FOR MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT

FRCP 12(e) permits a part to "move for a more definite statement of a pleading to which a responsive pleading is allowed but which is so vague or ambiguous that the party cannot reasonably prepare a response. The motion must be made before filing a responsive pleading and must point out the defects complained of and the details desired...."

IV. LEGAL ARGUMENT

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- CLAIMS ARE **BARRED** THE A. **PLAINTIFF'S** \mathbf{BY} DMAN DOCTRINE AND THE PRINCIPLES OF ISSUE AND **CLAIM PRECLUSION**
 - 1. Plaintiff's Challenge of the Damages Sought by and Awarded to AcctCorp is Prohibited by the Rooker-Feldman Doctrine

Plaintiff's argument as to damages in the State Court Action should have been raised in the earlier proceedings but was not. Governing law prohibits Plaintiff from asserting such a collateral challenge to a final state court judgment in this subsequent federal litigation.

Pursuant to FRCP 12(b)(1), any party may challenge a federal court's subject matter jurisdiction to hear the case before the court. See Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife, 504 U.S. 555, 561 (1992). On a Rule 12(b)(1) motion, the plaintiff bears the burden of demonstrating subject matter jurisdiction. See Sopak v. Northern Mountain Helicopter Serv., 52 F.3d 817, 818 (9th Cir. 1995). Under 28 U.S.C. § 1257, Congress has limited appellate jurisdiction over state court judgments to the United States Supreme Court. 28 U.S.C. § 1257. Accordingly, the Supreme Court has held that district courts may not adjudicate an action seeking to reverse or nullify a final state court judgment, commonly referred to as the Rooker-Feldman doctrine. Exxon Mobil Corp. v. Saudi Basic Indus. Corp., 544 U.S. 280, 287 (2005). Additionally, courts cannot adjudicate issues "inextricably intertwined" with those adjudicated by the state court. *Id.* at 286.

In particular, "[i]f issues presented in a federal suit are 'inextricably intertwined' with issues presented in a forbidden de facto appeal from a state court decision, Rooker-Feldman dictates that those intertwined issues may not be litigated." Kougasian, 359 F.3d at 1142 (citing Feldman, 460 U.S. at 483 n. 16, 103 S.Ct. 1303); see also Kremer v. Chemical Const. Corp., 456 U.S. 461, 481-82, 102 S.Ct. 1883 (1982) ("It has long been established that [28 U.S.C.] § 1738 does not allow federal courts to employ their own rules of res judicata [or claim preclusion] in determining the effect of state judgments. Rather, it goes beyond the common law and commands a federal court to accept the rules chosen by the

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State from which the judgment is taken.") (citation omitted); 28 U.S.C. § 1738 (dictating that federal courts must give "full faith and credit" to state court judgments). A federal claim is inextricably intertwined with the merits of a state-court judgment if the federal claim succeeds only to the extent that the state court wrongly decided the issues before it. Cooper v. Ramos, 704 F.3d 772, 779 (9th Cir. 2012) (citing Pennzoil Co. v. Texaco, Inc., 481 U.S. 1, 25 (1987) (Marshall, J., concurring) (emphasis added).

In Bell v. City of Boise, 709 F.3d 890 (9th Cir. 2013), the Ninth Circuit explained that "[t]he Rooker-Feldman doctrine forbids a losing party in state court from filing suit in federal district court complaining of an injury caused by a state court judgment, and seeking federal court review and rejection of that judgment." Id. at 897 (citation omitted; see also Williams v. Cavalry Portfolios Servs., LLC, No. SACV 10-00255 JVS, 2010 WL 2889656, at *3 (C.D. Cal. July 20, 2010) (where a district court observed that "[a] default judgment is equivalent to an adjudication on the merits and absent extrinsic fraud, it is not grounds to preclude the application of the Rooker-Feldman doctrine. (citing Reusser v. Wachovia Bank, N.A., 525 F.3d 855, 860 (9th Cir.2008). Although Bell delineates that "even if a plaintiff seeks relief from a state court judgment, such a suit is a forbidden de facto appeal only if the plaintiff also alleges a legal error by the state court," and Plaintiff tries to disclaim any error by the state court, the result of Plaintiff's instant challenge cannot be ignored. Bell, 709 F.3d at 897.(citations omitted). In fact, other persuasive authority, from the Central District of California, shows that while some claims may survive Rooker-Feldman dismissal, others undoubtedly require dismissal. See Riding v. CACH LLC, 992 F. Supp. 2d 987, 994 (C.D. Cal. 2014). In Riding, the court listed the plaintiff's eight bases for relief under the FDCPA but noted that the plaintiff's allegations of FDCPA violations relating to the amounts that the defendants had asserted the plaintiff owed were barred. See id.

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The *Riding* court concluded that:

the state court, by issuing a default judgment against Plaintiff. alreadv determined that Plaintiff was liable for that debt. If this Court were to hold otherwise, it would undercut the state court ruling. Thus, to the extent that Plaintiff's FDCPA claims are premised on the proposition that Plaintiff is not liable for the debt, the Court finds that those claims are barred by the Rooker-Feldman Doctrine.

Id. (citations omitted) (emphases added); see also Grant v. Unifund CCR Partners, 842 F. Supp. 2d 1234, 1239-40 (W.D.Cal. 2012) (dismissing, under the Rooker-Feldman doctrine, the plaintiff's claims relating to allegations (1) that plaintiff was never served in the state court action; (2) that plaintiff does not owe the debt at issue in the state court action; (3) that defendant obtained money it should not have, and (4) that the affidavit submitted in support of the request for default judgment was "false and fraudulent," while allowing the FDCPA notice claim to proceed). The court in Fleming v. Gordon & Wong Law Grp., P.C., 723 F. Supp. 2d 1219 (N.D. Cal. 2010), faced a situation almost identical to the instant case and ultimately concluded as follows:

Plaintiff's FDCPA claim is barred by the Rooker-Feldman doctrine. Plaintiff's alleged injury is based on her contention that only \$149.98 remained due to Defendant when Defendant filed ... seeking \$1869.00. To evaluate Plaintiff's claim, the Court must determine the validity of the \$1869.00 debt recognized by the state court ... Thus, adjudication of Plaintiff's FDCPA claim would undercut the state court's judgment and constitute a de-facto appeal.

723 F. Supp. 2d at 1223 (emphasis added).

Here, Plaintiff's claims all relate to alleged "Collection Fee Violations," "§ 1692(g) Violations," "Interest Fee Violations," and "Default Judgment Violations," which are inextricably intertwined with the damages award in the underlying State Court Action because Plaintiff argues that the damages awarded were legally erroneous or otherwise not permitted by law.

⁷ See Compl. [ECF No. 1], at ¶¶ 14-22.

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Therefore, pursuant to Rooker, Feldman, and numerous decisions from the Ninth Circuit, including Kougasian and Bell, this Court lacks subject-matter jurisdiction and must dismiss Plaintiff's entire Complaint with prejudice.

2. Notwithstanding the Applicability Rooker-Feldman Plaintiff's Claims are Further Principles of Issue Preclusion and Claim Preclusion

In determining the preclusive effect of a State court judgment, federal courts "apply the forum state's law" relating to preclusion. In re Plyam, 530 B.R. 456, 462 (9th Cir. BAP 2015) (citations omitted).

Under Nevada law, claim preclusion is "a rule which precludes the parties from relitigating what is substantially the same cause of action." Clark v. Clark, 80 Nev. 52, 55-56, 389 P.2d 69, 71 (1964) (citation omitted). "On the other hand, [issue preclusion] ... may apply even though the causes of action are substantially different, if the same fact issue is presented. As distinguished from [claim preclusion], it is the record of the former case rather than the judgment that stands as a barrier to relitigation." Id. at 56, 389 P.2d at 71 (footnote reference omitted); see also Five Star Capital Corp. v. Ruby, 124 Nev. 1048, 1051, 194 P.3d 709, 711 (2008) (adopting the term "issue preclusion" to replace the term "collateral estoppel" and "claim preclusion" to replace the term "res judicata").

The Clark court explains the history of these principles throughout Nevada jurisprudence noting that, in each, "the facts essential to establish the cause of action pleaded in the first case were the same facts needed to prove the cause of action alleged in the later case, the prior record precluded relitigation." Id. n.2 (citing Miller v. Miller, 54 Nev. 44, 3 P.2d 1069 (1931), 54 Nev. 165, 11 P.2d 1088 (1932); Silverman v. Silverman, 52 Nev. 152, 283 P. 593 (1930) and Vickers v. Vickers, 45 Nev. 274, 199 P. 76 (1921), 202 P. 31 (1921)).

In this case, claim preclusion of what would have been compulsory counterclaims, as well as issue preclusion, both bar Plaintiff's causes of action in this matter.

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Plaintiff's claims are barred by claim preclusion a.

Pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure ("NRCP") 13, which applied and governed in the underlying State Court Action,

A pleading shall state as a counterclaim any claim which at the time of serving the pleading the pleader has against any opposing party, if it arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the opposing party's claim and does not require for its adjudication the presence of third parties of whom the court cannot acquire jurisdiction.

NRCP 13(a).

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Because all of Plaintiff's claims in this matter arose "out of the transaction or occurrence that [wa]s the subject matter of [Defendants'] claim [in the underlying State Court Action] and [did] not require ... the presence of third parties of whom the court cannot acquire jurisdiction," those claims were compulsory counterclaims, effectively resolved by adjudication of the underlying proceeding. See Exec. Mgmt., Ltd. v. Ticor Title Ins. Co., 114 Nev. 823, 836, 963 P.2d 465, 474 (1998) (holding that compulsory counterclaims not previously brought are barred by claim preclusion).

Although Plaintiff may ultimately argue that the unpublished case of *Mostin v. GL* Recovery, LLC, No. SACV 09-0650 AG (ANx), 2010 WL 668808 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 19, 2010) is contrary to this position, upon closer examination of that decision, the Court will see that Mostin actually considered whether the debt collector's claims to collect the underlying debt were compulsory counterclaims to the plaintiff's FDCPA claims. See id. at *1. This was particularly important under the FRCP because "federal courts have supplemental jurisdiction over compulsory counterclaims, but permissive counterclaims require their own jurisdictional basis." Taylor v. Bryant, Inc., 275 F. Supp. 2d 1305, 1306 (D. Nev. 2003) (citations omitted). This case presents the opposite scenario – the Plaintiff's instant FDCPA claims were compulsory to the underlying breach of contract claims under then-governing⁸ NRCP. See NRCP 13(a).

See Plyam, 530 B.R. at 462 (holding that in determining the preclusive effect of a State court judgment, federal courts "apply the forum state's law" relating to preclusion) (citations omitted).

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Therefore, Plaintiff is now prohibited by the doctrine of claim preclusion, the Executive Management opinion, and NRCP 13(a) from bringing the claims he now asserts, and his entire Complaint must be dismissed with prejudice.

b. Plaintiff's claims are barred by issue preclusion

"The doctrine of [issue preclusion] is based upon the sound public policy of limiting litigation by preventing a party who had one full and fair opportunity to litigate an issue from again drawing it into controversy." Thompson v. City of N. Las Vegas, 108 Nev. 435, 439-40, 833 P.2d 1132, 1134-35 (1992) (citation omitted). Under Nevada law, issue preclusion requires that four factors are satisfied:

(1) the issue decided in the prior litigation must be identical to the issue presented in the current action; (2) the initial ruling must have been on the merits and have become final; (3) the party against whom the judgment is asserted must have been a party or in privity with a party to the prior litigation; and (4) the issue was actually and necessarily litigated.

Five Star, 124 Nev. at 1055, 194 P.3d at 713 (alteration, internal quotation marks, and footnote reference omitted).

In this case, Plaintiff raises an issue of the propriety of certain elements of damages in the underlying proceeding, as it relates to the enforceability of relevant contract provisions in the State Court Action.⁹ These exact issues were raised in the State Court Action. Therein, the State court entered a ruling and final judgment. Indisputably, the parties to this case and the State Court Action were not only in privity, they were identical. 12 The issues were also actually and necessarily litigated in that the fees and interest which Plaintiff now challenges were adjudicated and included in the final judgment amount. 13

See, generally, Compl. [ECF No 1], at ¶ 10-22.

¹⁰ See, generally, Ex. 2 (asserting breach of contract, damages, and interest). The Court may take judicial notice of these public records pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 201(b).

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Therefore, Plaintiff is prohibited by the doctrine of issue preclusion from attempting to re-litigate the issues adjudicated in the State Court Action, and his Complaint must be dismissed with prejudice in its entirety.

В. PLAINTIFF'S ABUSE OF PROCESS CLAIM FAILS AS A MATTER OF LAW GIVEN PLAINTIFF'S OWN FACTS

1. Plaintiff's Own Facts Demonstrate the Frivolity of His Abuse of Process Claim

"[T]he elements of an abuse of process claim are: (1) an ulterior purpose by the defendants other than resolving a legal dispute, and (2) a willful act in the use of the legal process not proper in the regular conduct of the proceeding." LaMantia v. Redisi, 118 Nev. 27, 30, 38 P.3d 877, 879 (2002) (footnote reference omitted). Other federal courts have expressly ruled that

Filing of a lawsuit is a 'regular' use of process, and therefore may not on its own fulfill the requirement of an abusive act, even if the decision to sue was influenced by a wrongful motive, purpose or intent. And, although wrongful motive in the context of an abuse of process claim may be inferred from an improper act, the reverse is not true.

Silva v. Lustig, Glaser & Wilson P.C., No. 15-cv-13673, 2016 WL 1301055, at * 4 (D.Mass. Apr. 1, 2016) (citing Simon v. Navon, 71 F.3d 9, 15-16 (1st Cir. 1995) (setting out elements of malicious prosecution and abuse of process analogous to the same claims under Nevada law); Millennium Holdings, LLC v. Mahlowitz, 456 Mass. 627, 636 (2010) (same). Nevada has followed suit by directly holding "[w]e agree with the majority rule that filing a complaint does not constitute abuse of process." Land Baron Inv. v. Bonnie Springs Family LP, 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 69, 356 P.3d 511, 520 (2015). Indeed, "the [abuse of process] claimant must provide facts, rather than conjecture, showing that the party intended to use the legal process to further an ulterior purpose." Id. (citing LaMantia, 118 Nev. at 31, 38 P.3d at 880 (holding that where the party presented only conjecture and no evidence that the opposing party actually intended to improperly use the legal process for a purpose other than to resolve the legal dispute, there was no abuse of process)).

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Here, according to Plaintiff's own allegations, a debt was owed to Molin by Plaintiff. The filing of the complaint in the State Court Action by AcctCorp, and the content of the complaint, in a legitimate attempt to recover all contractual damages owed by Plaintiff, is the sole basis for which Plaintiff now asserts an abuse of process claim. Plaintiff's attempt to plead abuse of process also fails because they plead no facts that make it plausible that AcctCorp or the other Defendants had an ulterior purpose other than resolving the admitted legal dispute. Certainly, Plaintiff's challenge to the amount of damages sought by AcctCorp under the relevant contract does not establish a "use of the legal process not proper in the regular conduct of the proceeding" or "an ulterior motive." *LaMantia*, 118 Nev. at 30, 38 P.3d at 879.

Therefore, Plaintiff's abuse of process claim must be dismissed with prejudice on this basis as well.

C. PLAINTIFF'S DTP CLAIMS FAIL AS A MATTER OF LAW BECAUSE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PLAINTIFF AND ACCTCORP DID NOT INVOLVE THE SALE OF GOODS OR SERVICES

Plaintiff's Deceptive Trade Practices ("DTP") claim fails because violations of Nevada's DTP statutory scheme are restricted to claims based on the sale or lease of goods or services and does not include debt collection practices.

Plaintiff alleged Defendants committed DTP by purportedly "engag[ing] in ... unfair and deceptive debt collection and litigation activities ..." Similar to the other FDCPA claims, Plaintiff fails to specify what section of the applicable statute AcctCorp allegedly violated.

Because Plaintiff pleaded his DTP claim based on AcctCorp's alleged FDCPA violations, however, AcctCorp assumes Plaintiff is bringing this DTP action based on NEV.

 $^{^{14}}$ See, generally, Compl. [ECF No. 1], at $\P\P$ 9 & 11.

¹⁵ *See id.*, at ¶ 42.

10001 Park Run Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 (702) 382-0711 FAX: (702) 382-5816 REV. STAT. § 598.0923, which contains a "borrowing" provision. *Nev. v. Bank of Am. Corp.*, 672 F.3d 661, 675 (9th Cir. 2012) (citing Nev. Rev. STAT. § 598.0923(3) (regarding violation of "a state or federal statute or regulation relating to the sale or lease of goods or services")). Nevada has provided victims of consumer fraud, defined as a "deceptive trade practice," a private right of action under this section. *See* Nev. Rev. STAT. 41.600(1)(e). Accordingly, for Plaintiff to bring this action against Acctcorp for violations of the FDCPA, this Court must conclude that the FDCPA relates to the sale or lease of goods and services. Simply stated, it does not.

The FDCPA's "[c]ongressional findings and declaration of purpose" makes it abundantly clear that the FDCPA does not relate to the purchasing or leasing of goods and services, but instead regulates debt collection practices. 15 U.S.C. § 1692. Specifically, the FDCPA declares "[t]here is abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors[,]" and the FDCPA's purpose is "to eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors ..." 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a) & (e). Notably absent from this statement is any declaration that the FDCPA is concerned with the selling or leasing of goods and services. The FDCPA also does not restrict its definition of "consumer," and thus standing under the FDCPA, to individuals who purchased or leased goods and services. Instead, "consumer" is defined to mean "any natural person obligated or allegedly obligated to pay any debt." 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3). This, again, illustrates the FDCPA's true concern – regulation of the collection of debts, not the sale or lease of goods and services. See, e.g., Lachi v. GE Capital Bank, 993 F. Supp. 2d 1228, 1232 (S.D. Cal. 2014) (restricting standing under the FDCPA to individuals who are allegedly obligated to pay a debt).

Moreover, in *Peatrowsky v. Persolve*, Judge Dorsey was presented with this same issue and found that consumers may not borrow the FDCPA to allege a claim under Nevada's DTP statutes. *See Peatrowsky*, No. 2:12-CV-00935-JAD-VCF, 2014 WL 1215061, at *5 (D. Nev. Mar. 24, 2014); *see also Mallory v. McCarthy & Holthus, LLP*, No.

2:14-CV-00396-KJD, 2015 WL 2185413, at *3 (D. Nev. May 11, 2015). In analyzing the issue, the court stated the consumer's "NDTPA claim [wa]s an attempt to shove her square facts into [a] round hole of Nevada law." *Id.* In addition, the court found that the consumer did not even allege the FDCPA violations committed related to the sale or lease of goods and services. *See id.* The court therefore dismissed the claim with prejudice. *Id.*

As is evident from the Complaint [ECF No. 1] and the rationale from Judge Dorsey, summarized above, Plaintiff cannot allege a DTP claim based on a violation of the FDCPA. Simply stated, the FDCPA does not relate to the sale or lease of goods and services, but instead regulates debt collection practices. Furthermore, Plaintiff did not plead that any purported violations of the FDCPA were remotely related to the selling or leasing of goods and services. This Court should, therefore, dismiss Plaintiff's Third Claim of Relief with prejudice.

D. ALTERNATIVELY, IF THE COURT DECLINES TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S DTP CLAIM, THEN PLAINTIFF MUST PROVIDE A MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT

Should this Court disagree that Plaintiff's claims are (1) barred by principles of claim preclusion and issue preclusion, (2) prohibited by the *Rooker-Feldman* Doctrine, or (3) fail under FRCP 12(b)(6), then AcctCorp and Molin must be provided a more definite statement of Plaintiff's DTP claim.

Plaintiff's DTP claim "is so vague or ambiguous" that AcctCorp and Molin cannot reasonably prepare a response." FRCP 12(e). The DTP claims are wildly deficient in that they merely cite, generally, to Chapter 598 of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") as the basis for such claims. Chapter 598, however, contains ten (10) subsections that each defines a separate set of DTP. *See, generally,* NRS §§ 598.0915, 598.0916, 598.0917, 598.0918, 598.092, 598.0921, 598.0922, 598.0923, 598.0924, & 598.0925. Each of these statutory subsections further enumerates categories of conduct, some identifying as many as sixteen (16) sub-categories of violating conduct. *See id.*

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Certainly, AcctCorp cannot be expected to guess regarding on which of these nearly one hundred (100) possible categories of conduct Plaintiff is basing his claims. See In re Zappos.com, Inc., No. 3:12-cv-00325, 2013 WL 4830497, at *5 (D.Nev. Sept. 9, 2013) (requiring more definite statement of plaintiff's generally alleged claims of violation of similar DTP statute of sister state); see also TSC Research, LLC v. Bayer Chems. Corp., 552 F. Supp. 2d 534, 546 (M.D.N.C. 2008) (finding statement provided by plaintiff was insufficient because it lacked sufficient detail of as to "any non-conclusory deceptive statements which might spare this claim from dismissal"); Young v. Wells Fargo & Co., 671 F. Supp. 2d 1006, 1015-16 (S.D. Iowa 2009) (requiring more definite statement of "strikingly conclusory" presentation of DTP claims which provided nothing more than "the general section of the relevant state statutory code containing consumer protection provisions," which Plaintiffs fail to even provide here).

Therefore, to the extent Plaintiff's DTP claims survive any of the multitude of mandatory bases for dismissal in this matter, a more definite statement setting forth (1) under what category of DTP Plaintiff brings the claim and (2) what facts support such claims is necessary in order for AcctCorp to reasonably prepare a response.

E. BECAUSE CIVIL CONSPIRACY TO HIS LEGALLY UNSUSTAINABLE RRESPONDS EGATIONS, THE CIVIL CONSPIRACY CLAIM MUST BE DISMISSED

"An actionable civil conspiracy consists of a combination of two or more persons who, by some concerted action, intend to accomplish an unlawful objective for the purpose of harming another, and damage results from the act or acts." Consol. Generator-Nev., Inc. v. Cummins Engine Co., Inc., 114 Nev. 1304, 1311, 971 P.2d 1251, 1256 (1998) (citations and internal quotation marks omitted). As the Nevada Supreme Court has long held, "it is necessary for the act in furtherance of the conspiracy to constitute an actionable tort." Eikelberger v. Tolotti, 96 Nev. 525, 527, 611 P.2d 1086, 1088 (1980).

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Here, where Plaintiff's non-conspiracy claims fail as a matter of law or are all barred by (1) the principles of issue and claim preclusion and (2) the Rooker-Feldman Doctrine, there exists no "actionable tort" upon which Plaintiff can maintain a conspiracy cause of action. Accordingly, AcctCorp respectfully requests that the Court dismiss this claim with prejudice as well.

F. PLAINTIFF'S MISREPSENTATION CLAIM FAILS AS A MATTER OF LAW AS WELL

Plaintiff Failed to Plead His Misrepresentation Claim With 1. Particularity as Required by FRCP 9

In pleading fraud claims, the circumstances of the purported fraud are required to be stated with particularity. Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(b); Brown v. Kellar, 636 P.2d 874, 874 (Nev. 1981) ("The circumstances that must be detailed include averments to the time, the place, the identity of the parties involved, and the nature of the fraud or mistake."). While Plaintiff claims AcctCorp knowing[ly] [sic] or negligently made false representations, Plaintiff does not identify what purported misrepresentations were actually made. Also, he fails to allege the requisite who, what, where, when and how of the alleged misrepresentation. See Vess v. Ciba-Geigy Corp. USA, 317 F.3d 1097, 1106 (9th Cir. 2003). Accordingly, Plaintiff's claim for misrepresentation fails to meet the heightened pleading standard required for such claims. Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(b).

Moreover, in a case with multiple defendants, "Rule 9(b) does not allow a complaint to merely lump multiple defendants together but requires plaintiffs to differentiate their allegations when suing more than one defendant and inform each defendant separately of the allegations surrounding his alleged participation in the fraud." Swartz v. KPMG LLP, 476 F.3d 756, 764-65 (9th Cir. 2007).

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Plaintiff's misrepresentation claim simply does not meet this standard; instead, Plaintiff's allegations are at best vague and conclusory. Accordingly, dismissal of Plaintiff's misrepresentation claim is warranted on this basis alone.¹⁶

2. <u>Plaintiff Does Not Have Standing to PursueAany Purported Misrepresentations Made to the State Court</u>

Within paragraph 49 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Plaintiff avers that "the Court justifiably relied upon the Defendants [supposed] misrepresentation." Due to the inartfulness of Plaintiff's Complaint, it is not clear whether Plaintiff is seeking relief on the State Court's behalf. To the extent that he is, Plaintiff does not have standing to pursue any claims on behalf of the State Court.

3. Plaintiff's Claim for Misrepresentation Fails as a Matter of Law

Lastly, even if the Court were to accept the averments within Plaintiff's Complaint as true, Plaintiff's misrepresentation claim(s) still fails as a matter of law. Importantly, Nevada recognizes two distinct forms of misrepresentation: intentional and negligent misrepresentation. To prevail on a claim for intentional misrepresentation, a plaintiff has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence: (1) a false representation made by the defendant; (2) defendant's knowledge or belief that the representation is false (or insufficient basis for making the representation); (3) defendant's intention to induce the plaintiff to act or to refrain from acting in reliance upon the misrepresentation; (4) plaintiff's justifiable reliance upon the misrepresentation; and (5) damage to the plaintiff resulting from such reliance. Lubbe v. Barba, 91 Nev. 596, 599, 540 P.2d 115, 117 (1975) (emphasis added).

In contrast, the tort of negligent misrepresentation is established: (1) when, in the course of one's business, profession, or employment (or in any other action in which a

¹⁶ Pursuant to the arguments outline in Section G3 of this Motion, no amendment would cure Plaintiff's pleading defects; therefore, dismissal with prejudice is warranted on Plaintiff's misrepresentation claim.

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defendant has a pecuniary interest), (2) a defendant supplies false information for the guidance a claimant in their business transactions, ¹⁷ and (3) the claimant suffers pecuniary loss due to their justifiable reliance upon the defendant's false information. See Barmettler v. Reno Air, Inc., 114 Nev. 441, 449, 956 P.2d 1382, 1387 (1998) (emphasis added).

Here, under either theory of liability, Plaintiff's misrepresentation claim fails as a matter of law because Plaintiff was not induced into action nor relied upon the Defendants' purported false information. The record is clear that the Plaintiff did not act or rely on the Defendants' representations at all in the underlying State Court Action – which is why a default judgment was entered against Plaintiff. Accordingly, Plaintiff cannot maintain an action for intentional or negligent misrepresentation pursuant to the facts alleged within Plaintiff's complaint.

¹⁷ One can only infer that the purported misrepresentation complained of in Plaintiff's Complaint concerned "misrepresenting the amount of Debt" owed to the Defendants by Plaintiff. See Compl. at ¶ 19. However, even if this constituted a misrepresentation – which the Defendants are conceding – pursuant to Plaintiff's very own Complaint, he did not act or rely on this purported misrepresentation. Instead, a default judgment was entered against him.

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V. **CONCLUSION**

Given the Rooker-Feldman doctrine and principles of issue preclusion and claim preclusion, Plaintiff should be prohibited from maintaining any part of his Complaint. Moreover, Plaintiff's deceptive trade practice, abuse of process, and civil conspiracy claims fail as a matter of law, and should also be dismissed with prejudice. Based on the foregoing arguments, AcctCorp respectfully request that this Honorable Court dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint in its entirety and with prejudice.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2017.

MARQUIS AURBACH COFFING

By /s/ Chad F. Clement

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing DEFENDANT RICHLAND HOLDINGS, INC. d/b/a ACCTCORP OF SOUTHERN NEVADA'S MOTION TO **DISMISS** OR, ALTERNATIVELY, **MOTION FOR** MORE **DEFINITE** STATEMENT with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court by using the court's CM/ECF system on the 26th day of June, 2017.

 \boxtimes I further certify that all participants in the case are registered CM/ECF users and that service will be accomplished by the CM/ECF system.

I further certify that some of the participants in the case are not registered CM/ECF users. I have mailed the foregoing document by First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, or have dispatched it to a third party commercial carrier for delivery within 3 calendar days to the following non-CM/ECF participants:

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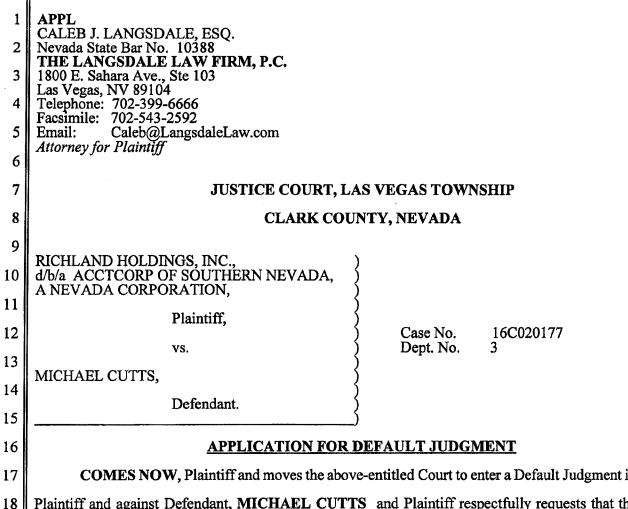
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Exhibit 1 Application for Default Judgment

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COMES NOW, Plaintiff and moves the above-entitled Court to enter a Default Judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS and Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Default Judgment include the following:

The sum of \$411.80 (including Contractual Collection Fees), which represents the amount due and owing to Plaintiff through the signing of this Application for Default Judgment.

Plaintiff asks that this amount be reduced to Judgment, plus Statutory Interest at the Maximum Legal Rate from the date of Order Of Judgment, plus Costs of suit in the amount of \$111.50, and reasonable Attorney's Fees.

Plaintiff asks that interest accrue on the entire Judgment amount at the Maximum Legal Rate from the date of Order Of Judgment until paid in full.

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This Application is made on the grounds that a Default has been entered against said Defendant for failure to answer or otherwise defend as to the Complaint on behalf of Plaintiff, and that said Defendant is not in the military service of the United States nor an infant nor an incompetent person.

In support of this Application, attached as Exhibit 1 are the Exhibits and Custodian Of Records Affidavit, and all records, papers, files and pleadings on file herein.

DATED this November 11th, 2016.

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CALEB J. LANGSDALE, ESQ., being duly sworn, states that Affiant is the Attorney for Plaintiff and has personal knowledge of the above costs and disbursements expended; that the items contained in the above Memorandum are true and correct to the best of this Affiant's knowledge and belief; and that the said disbursements have been necessarily incurred and paid in this action.

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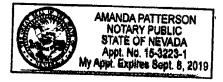


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More information on "Active Duty Status"

Active duty status as reported in this certificate is defined in accordance with 10 USC § 101(d) (1). Prior to 2010 only some of the active duty periods less than 30 consecutive days in length were available. In the case of a member of the National Guard, this includes service under a call to active service authorized by the President or the Secretary of Defense under 32 USC § 502(f) for purposes of responding to a national emergency declared by the President and supported by Federal funds. All Active Guard Reserve (AGR) members must be assigned against an authorized mobilization position in the unit they support. This includes Navy Training and Administration of the Reserves (TARs), Marine Corps Active Reserve (ARs) and Coast Guard Reserve Program Administrator (RPAs). Active Duty status also applies to a Uniformed Service member who is an active duty commissioned officer of the U.S. Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Commissioned Corps).

Coverage Under the SCRA is Broader in Some Cases

Coverage under the SCRA is broader in some cases and includes some categories of persons on active duty for purposes of the SCRA who would not be reported as on Active Duty under this certificate. SCRA protections are for Title 10 and Title 14 active duty records for all the Uniformed Services periods. Title 32 periods of Active Duty are not covered by SCRA, as defined in accordance with 10 USC § 101(d)(1).

Many times orders are amended to extend the period of active duty, which would extend SCRA protections. Persons seeking to rely on this website certification should check to make sure the orders on which SCRA protections are based have not been amended to extend the inclusive dates of service. Furthermore, some protections of the SCRA may extend to persons who have received orders to report for active duty or to be inducted, but who have not actually begun active duty or actually reported for induction. The Last Date on Active Duty entry is important because a number of protections of the SCRA extend beyond the last dates of active duty.

Those who could rely on this certificate are urged to seek qualified legal counsel to ensure that all rights guaranteed to Service members under the SCRA are protected

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ACCTCORP ACCOUNT NO 169548-1

NAME OF PATIENT(S): MICHAEL CUTTS

RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)

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Financial Policy

We are committed to providing you with the best possible care. We must emphasize that as medical care providers, our relationship is with you, not your insurance company. Your insurance is a contract between you, your employer and the insurance company, we are not party to that contract. All charges are your responsibility from the date of service rendered. We realize that insurance companies need processing time; however, all charges will become due and payable if the insurance company does not reimburse Clifford Molin, MD, Jarvis Olsen, APRN, Stephanie Lehrner, DO, Juwaun Hinkle, PA, Tammy Collander, APRN, Patricia Prince, MD. within 90 days or within the guidelines mandated by the NV state Board Bill #SB145.

Please familiarize yourself with your insurance policy and its requirements. Many companies require a referral from the primary care physician. We will attempt to obtain these as a courtesy; however, the policy holder must be pro-active in assuring the requirements are met prior to the visit.

If you have medical insurance, with which we are contracted, we will bill your insurance company. All deductibles, co-payments and non-covered items are due at the time of check-in.

Collection Fees Policy: Patient name: Mrohal Cutt I, Michael Cutt (parent/guardian name), her financially responsible for all charges incurred regardless of insurar the event my account is referred to a collection service due to lack part, I agree to pay all collection / legal fees that may be added to m	nce coverage. In of payment on my
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Returned Checks: A \$25 non-sufficient funds fee will be charges for checks initially returned unpaid by your bank. We repost and forward all returned checks to Clark County District Attorney's office.

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No Show Fees: There is a \$25 no-show/late-cancellation fee. All appointments must be cancelled by 3 p.m. of the previous day. Insurance will not cover charges for no-show/late-cancellation.

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Sleep Study No Show Fees: There is a \$200 no-show/late-cancellation fee. All appointments must be cancelled 24hrs prior to your appointment time. Insurance will not cover charges for no-show/late-cancellation.

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Patient Ledger

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	Apt 1040	Current Total Payments:	\$90.72
	Las Vegas, NV 89117	Current Total Patient Payments:	\$0.00
		Current Last Patient Payment:	
Daytime Phone:	(702)290-4361	Current Total Insurance Payments:	\$90.72
Patient:	Cutts, Michael	Last Insurance Payment:	06/25/2014
Account:	Main	Last Statement Date:	06/01/2016
		Current Patient Liability:	\$274.53

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CLIFFORD MOLIN M.D. STEPHANIE LEHRNER D.O. PETER PHILANDER M.D.



Date_6-21-16

The following account is being submitted to you for consideration to be forwarded to Account Corp collection agency.

We have exhausted all avenues to collect this debt.	
Patient Michael Cutts	•
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Amount owed on account \$274.53	
Please indicate how to proceed and return to	
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Write off account	7
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Exhibit 2 Complaint for Breach of Contract and Monies Due and Owing

CALEB J. LANGSDALE, ESQ. Nevada State Bar No. 10388 THE LANGSDALE LAW FIRM, P.C. 1800 E. Sahara Ave., Ste 103 3 Las Vegas, NV 89104 Telephone: 702-399-6666 Facsimile: 702-543-2592 Caleb@LangsdaleLaw.com Attorney for Plaintiff 6 JUSTICE COURT, LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP 7 RICHLAND HOLDINGS INC., d/b/a ACCTCORP OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, A NEVADA CORPORATION. Plaintiff,

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CASE NO .:

Department #: LVJC 3

MICHAEL CUTTS,

Defendant

COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT AND MONIES DUE AND OWING

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, RICHLAND HOLDINGS, INC., d/b/a ACCTCORP OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, A Nevada Corporation, qualified to do business and doing business in the State of Nevada, by and through their Counsel of Record, CALEB J. LANGSDALE, ESQ. and for its cause of action against Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS alleges as follows:

I. JURISDICTIONAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. Plaintiff, RICHLAND HOLDINGS, INC., d/b/a ACCTCORP OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, is a Nevada Corporation duly licensed to conduct collection services in Clark County, Nevada.
- 2. That upon information and belief, and at all times relevant to this action, Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS is and was a resident of Clark County, Nevada.

COMPLAINT

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3. **CLIFFORD MOLIN M.D** is a Business Entity which provides services in Clark County, Nevada.

II. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 4. On or about, May 12, 2014, Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS entered into a valid and binding agreement with CLIFFORD MOLIN M.D for the procurement of services.
- 5. Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS started to incur charges relating to the agreement on or about May 12, 2014 and became delinquent in their account by failing to maintain their account through regular payments, under the terms of their agreement.
- Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS became delinquent on March 18, 2016 with an account balance of \$274.53. A CONTRACTUAL COLLECTION FEE of \$137.27 was added for a total of \$411.80.
- 7. After unsuccessfully attempting to collect the outstanding balance of the account from Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS the account was duly assigned from CLIFFORD MOLIN M.D to RICHLAND HOLDINGS, INC., d/b/a ACCTCORP OF SOUTHERN NEVADA on July 29, 2016.

III. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 8. Plaintiff incorporates and re-alleges all above Paragraphs as though fully set forth at this point.
- 9. On May 12, 2014 Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS and CLIFFORD MOLIN M.D entered into an agreement.
- 10. Pursuant to terms of this agreement Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS would pay monies to CLIFFORD MOLIN M.D in consideration for services provided by CLIFFORD MOLIN M.D
- CLIFFORD MOLIN M.D did perform services on behalf of Defendant, MICHAEL
 CUTTS therefore fulfilling all of its obligations pursuant to the agreement.

- 12. Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS has breached the terms of the agreement contract by failing/refusing to tender the past due and owing amount.
- 13. Plaintiff has made demand upon Defendant, **MICHAEL CUTTS** for the amount due and owing, but Defendant, **MICHAEL CUTTS** has failed, neglected and refused to pay.
- 14. It has been necessary for Plaintiff to retain services of an Attorney to bring and maintain this action.
- 15. Plaintiff is entitled to reasonable Attorney's Fees and Costs of the suit as provided by law.

IV. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION MONIES DUE AND OWING

- 16. Plaintiff incorporates and re-alleges all above Paragraphs as though fully set forth at this point.
- 17. Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS owes to Plaintiff, the duly assigned collection agent for CLIFFORD MOLIN M.D a sum of \$411.80 (includes a Contractual Collection fee).
- 18. Although demand has been made upon Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS for the amount due and owing, Defendant, MICHAEL CUTTS has failed, neglected and refused to pay.
- 19. It has been necessary for Plaintiff to retain services of an Attorney to bring and maintain this action.
- 20. Plaintiff is entitled to reasonable Attorney's Fees and Costs of the suit as provided by law.

<u>WHEREFORE</u>, Plaintiff, RICHLAND HOLDINGS, INC., d/b/a ACCTCORP OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, prays as follows:

- 1. For a Judgment against Defendant, **MICHAEL CUTTS** for the amount due and owing to Plaintiff in the sum of \$411.80 (includes a Contractual Collection Fee);
- 2. **STATUTORY INTEREST** at the **MAXIMUM LEGAL RATE** as allowed by Nevada law, and until paid in full;
- 3. For reasonable Attorney's Fees and Costs of suit incurred herein;
- 4. For all reasonable and necessary costs incurred herein, pursuant to NRS 18.005:
- 5. For any other Judgment this Court may deem proper in premises.

DATED 3 October 2016.

/S/: CALEB J. LANGSDALE, ESQ.
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Nevada State Bar No. 10388
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Attorney for Plaintiff

Exhibit 3 Notice of Entry of Judgment

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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

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10	A Nevada Corporation,	
11	Plaintiff,	CASE NO.: 16C020177
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14	MICHAEL COTTS,	
15	Defendant.	
16	<u>CERTIFICATE OF</u>	F MAILING
17	Pursuant to NRCP 1(b), I hereby certify that or	n DECEMBER 14, 2016, I placed a copy
18	of the above NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT	, into a sealed envelope and mailed via
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. 1	The sum of \$411.80 together with and including Contractual Collection Fees, plus Costs of suit in
2	the amount of \$111.50, and reasonable Attorney's Fees in the amount of \$ 750.00.
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4	Interest shall accrue at the Maximum Legal Rate from the date of Order Of Judgment forward until
5	paid in full.
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8	Honorable MELISSA SARAGOSA DATED this & day of Delle where 2016
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12	Respectfully Submitted:
13	CALEB J. LANGSDALE, ESQ. DATED this November 11th, 2016
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